

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2871**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Tsuyoshi KANEKO

Group Art Unit: 2871

Application No.: 10/814,136

Examiner: T. RUDE

Filed: April 1, 2004

Docket No.: 119105

For: CONNECTION STRUCTURE BETWEEN OPTICAL FIBERS AND CONNECTION  
METHOD FOR COUPLING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the September 22, 2006 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**